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EXHIBIT #VI.C.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: James E. Rier, Jr., Commissioner\*

DATE: August 12, 2014

SUBJECT: Approval of the Team Members to the Review of the Unity College Application for Additional Degree-Granting Authority

**BACKGROUND:** Unity College is a fully accredited higher education institution located in Unity, Maine. It currently authorized to confer four academic degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Associate of Arts and Associate of Science. The College is seeking additional authorization to offer masters degrees in the fall of 2015. Toward that end Unity College has submitted an application for additional degree-granting authority to confer the Master of Professional Science degree. While the focus of the degree will be environmental and sustainability sciences this application will need to be evaluated focusing primarily upon whether the applicant meets the Board's degree-granting standards as found in Title 21-A, Chapter 170.

In accordance with the Board's degree-granting statute and procedures, potential state review team members have been selected for the State Board's consideration.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the State Board of Education approve the list of potential team members to conduct a review of the Unity College application for additional degree-granting authority and that Dr. Kathy Yardley, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, University of Maine at Farmington, be designated as the team chair.

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Unity College  
Application for Additional Degree-Granting Authority  
Proposed Program Review Team

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